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Highlights

1.0 Neutralize the Insurgents

- Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) continue operations to neutralize the insurgents.

2.0 Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005

- TNA members and political parties continue negotiations regarding the formation of the Iraqi Transitional Government (ITG).
- While in Baghdad April 13, Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick said the leaders of the Iraq Transitional Government are committed to advancing the political process to meet the August 15 deadline for drafting a new constitution.

3.0 Provide Jobs and Essential Services

- Average hours of power is 10 hours in Baghdad and eight nationwide.



Highlights

4.0 Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

- An Iraqi delegation led by newly elected Vice President of Iraq, `Adil `Abd al-Mahdi, arrived in Washington for World Bank/IMF meetings. Amb. Jones met with the delegation and hosted an interagency meeting of the Joint Economic Commission (JEC). A full JEC meeting will be held June 29 - 30 in Baghdad.
- VP `Abd al-Mahdi said there is no plan to submit a supplemental budget request to the Assembly to cover a projected shortfall in revenues.

5.0 Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law

- A mass grave dating from the ousted regime of Saddam Hussein was discovered on April 13 in the Shiite city of Nasiriyah. About 290 mass graves have been uncovered since Saddam's downfall in April 2003. They contain the bodies of 300,000 people believed to have been killed under his regime.

6.0 Maintain International Engagement and Support

- In late April, 450 additional Australian military personnel will deploy to Iraq. This will bring Australian personnel working in or around Iraq to 1,370. This new Australian task force will help provide security for Japanese reconstruction efforts in Al Muthanna Province in southern Iraq.



[1.0] Neutralize the Insurgents – Iraqi Security Forces Update

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	56,569
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	29,396
TOTAL	85965*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	69,166
AIR FORCE	193
NAVY	521
TOTAL	69,880**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

155,845

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are not included in these numbers

Data as of April 18, 2005



[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Developments**

ITG Formation:

- TNA members and political parties continue negotiations regarding the formation of the Iraqi Transitional Government (ITG).
- While in Baghdad April 13, Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick said the leaders of the Iraqi transitional government are committed to advancing the political process to meet the August 15 deadline for drafting a new constitution.
- The Deputy Secretary also said he was encouraged by a report from President Talibani that Sunni groups who had opposed the political process in the past are showing interest in participating.



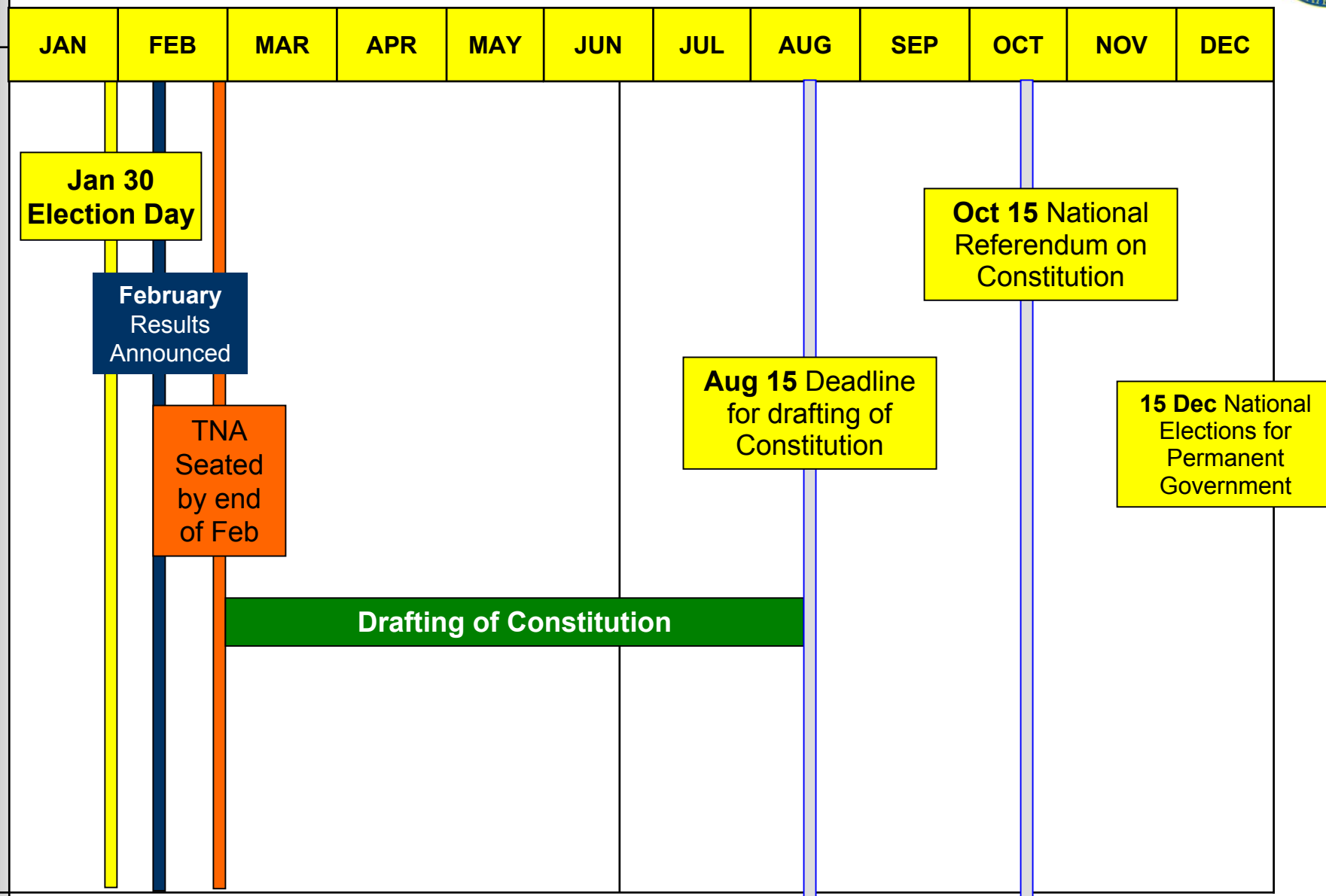
[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Developments**

Transitional National Assembly (TNA):

- Continuing TNA responsibilities:
 - Serve as Iraq's national legislature until the election of a new government under a permanent constitution.
 - Put to a vote of confidence the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers nominees; nominees must be approved in the TNA by a simple majority.
 - According to the Transitional Administrative Law, the TNA is to draft Iraq's new Constitution by August 15, 2005; this will be presented to the Iraqi people for their approval in a national referendum by October 15, 2005.
 - If it is approved, an election for a permanent Iraqi government under that new Constitution will occur by the end of 2005.



[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Electoral Process Timeline**

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[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Economy**

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending April 1 closed with Kirkuk Crude at \$43.70/barrel, Basra Light at \$43.71/barrel, and the OPEC basket at \$48.74/barrel.

Employment Update:

- Number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects in each sector

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Change on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	26,111	26,322	0.8%
USAID	91,344	80,729	-11.6%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	2,475	2,525	2.0%
MILCON (Military Construction)	468	523	11.8%
*CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	10,586	15,605	47.4%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	9,427	9,429	0.0%
GRAND TOTAL	164,117	158,839	-3.2%

*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD SitRep
Data as of April 20, 2005



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Job Creation and Food Security**

Job Creation:

- The Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and the General Directorate of Horticulture, Forestry and Rangelands began reforesting areas which were either burned by central government armies in the 1990s or over-harvested by residents for fuel wood.
 - The 1,100 donums of land (110 hectares) replanted in eight subdistricts in Arbil are part of the USAID Agricultural Reconstruction and Development for Iraq (ARDI) program.
 - ARDI will provide needed tools, transport and labor to the MOA to plant seedlings in Arbil and Dahuk. Almost 500 temporary jobs will be created for local laborers.

Public Distribution System (PDS):

- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has transferred \$75 million to the MOT to procure an emergency stock of wheat flour in the coming weeks in order to have some buffer stock against future shortages of wheat or unanticipated issues that may develop concerning wheat in April and May.
- The outlook for available rice stocks and imports for distribution remains dependent primarily on domestic rice procurements and a nominal amount of imports.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – Education and Health Care

USAID Education Accomplishments to Date:

- Awarded 627 grants worth more than \$6 million to rehabilitate schools and equip Directorates General;
- Awarded five grants worth more than \$20.7 million to create partnerships between ten Iraqi universities and US counterparts through the Higher Education and Development (HEAD) program;
- Printed and distributed 8.7 million revised math and science textbooks to grades 1-12;
- Completed a major initiative that trained nearly 33,000 secondary school teachers and administrators, including 860 master trainers, nationwide;
- Assisted the Ministry of Education in establishing official baseline education data for Iraq.

Health Care:

- There are currently 142 Primary Health Care (PHC) centers under construction, with 137 PHCs completed to date. The target is to complete 260 PHCs by December.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Water and Sanitation & Telecommunications**

Water and Sanitation:

- A total of 121 water treatment projects and eight water resource projects are currently under construction. To date, 48 water treatment projects and two water resource projects have been completed.
- Work has recently begun at four new well sites as part of the USAID rural water program plan. Operating under the Iraq Infrastructure Reconstruction Program, this initiative will drill approximately 110 wells in remote locations.
 - Operations and maintenance training will be provided to ensure the sustainability of the wells and treatment systems. The project will benefit about 550,000 rural Iraqis. Well-drilling is underway at 74 other sites.

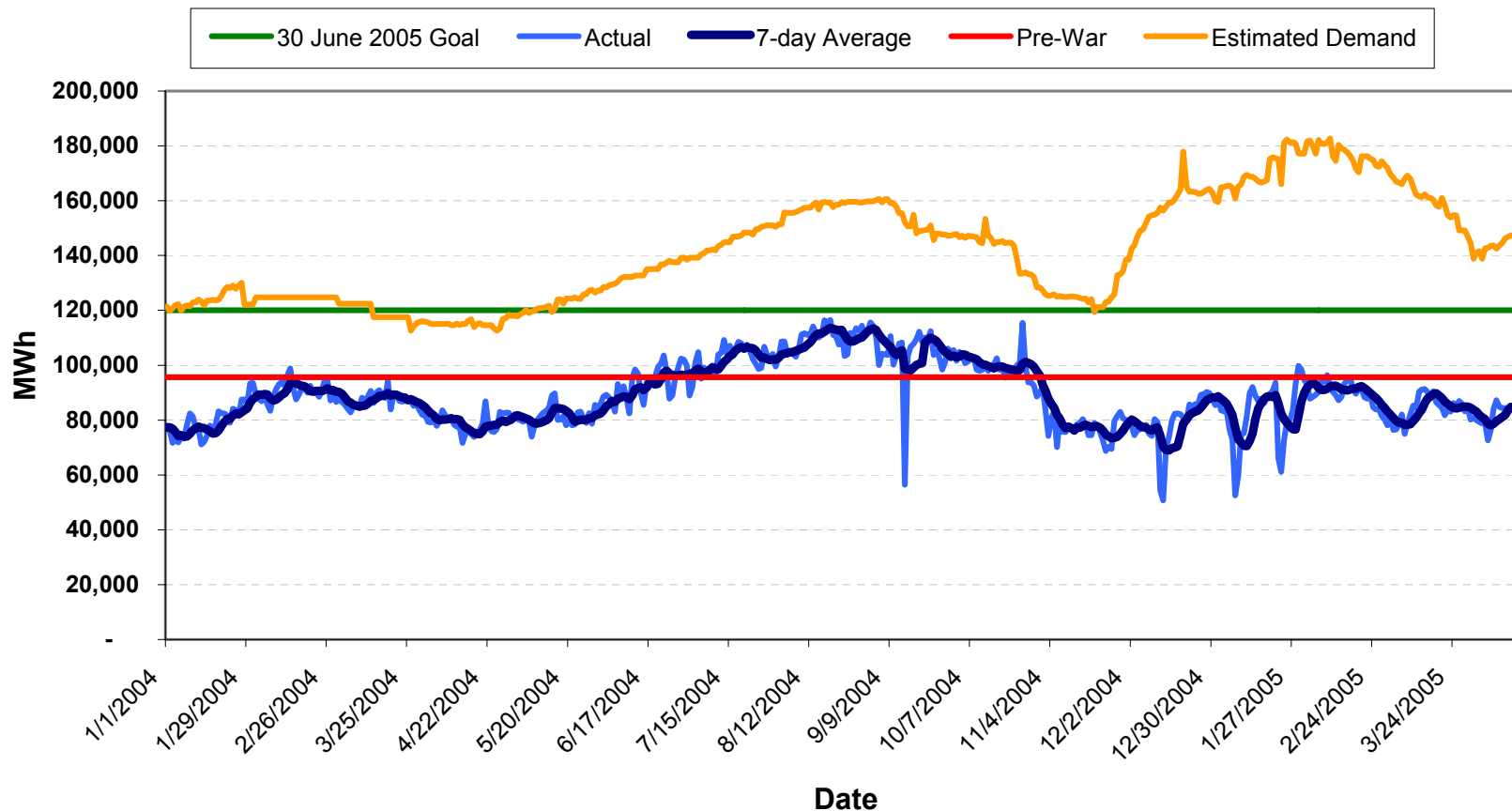
Telecommunications:

- As part of the Advanced First Responders Network, all Baghdad Base Transmission Stations (BTS) sites have been refueled and are ready to be turned on.
- Cellular subscriptions continue to experience healthy growth. As of April 18, there are 2,048,193 active cellular subscribers in Iraq, a 14 percent increase from the prior month. Landline telephone subscribers in Iraq have also increased to 992,416. Prior to the war, there were approximately 833,000 landline subscribers.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

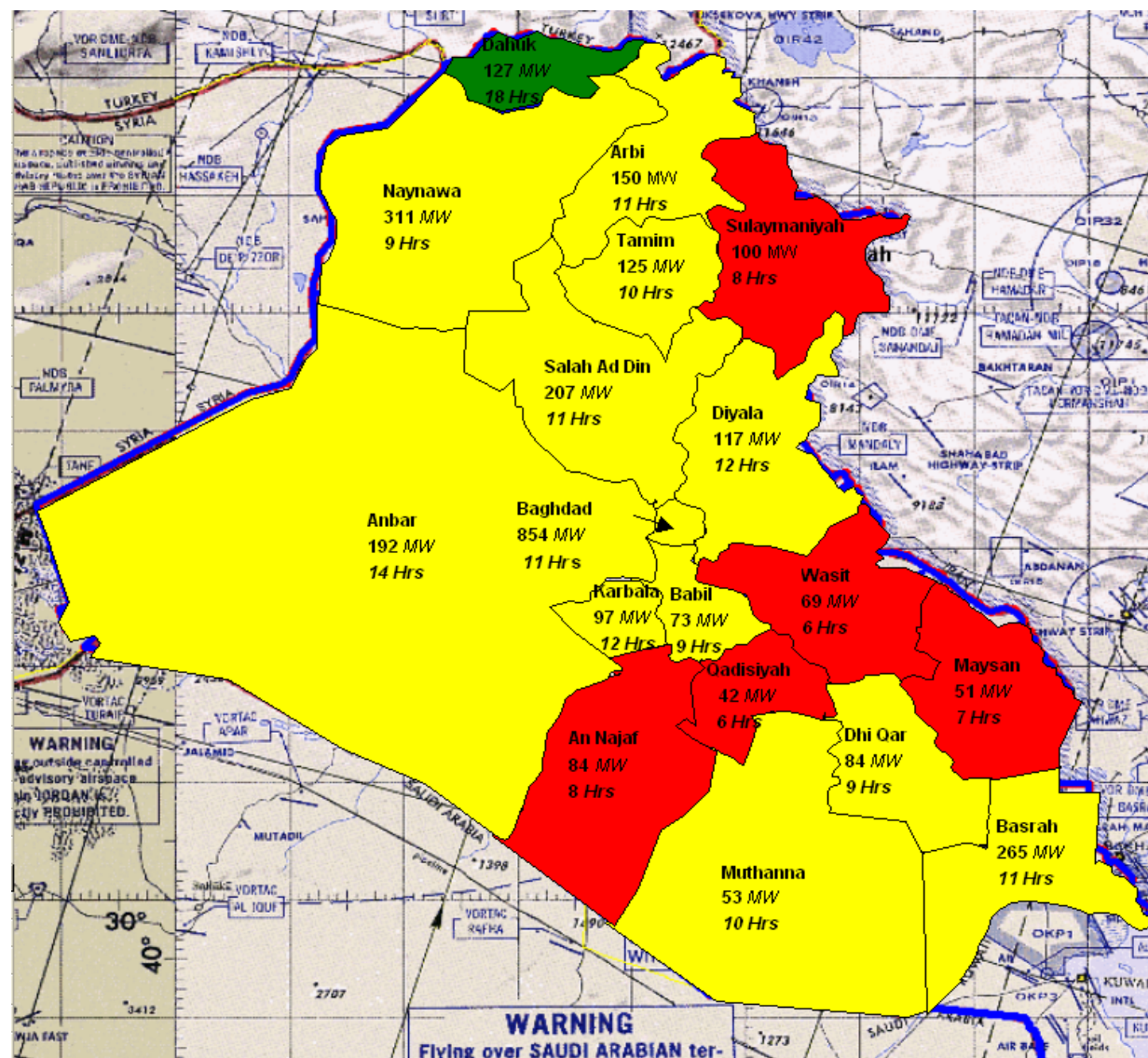
Iraq Daily Electricity Load Served



- Electricity load served in the last week (April 11-17) averaged of 77,800 MWh. Hours of available power averaged 12.9 hours in Baghdad and 10.3 hours in the governorates.
- Demand is starting to increase due to higher seasonal temperatures.
- Baghdad consumes 30 percent of the country's electricity.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – Hours of Power



Average hours of Electrical Service provided over a 7 Day Period

≤ 8 Hrs = Red

9 to 15 Hrs = Amber

≥ 16 Hrs = Green

No Report = White

Percent Change in MW over a 7 Day Period

Baghdad -10.6

Dahuk Unknown

Naynawa -6.5

Tamim -13.1

Salah Ad Din Unknown

Anbar Unknown

Diyala 9.3

Babil -3.4

Karbala -14.4

Najaf -5.1

Qadisiyah 15.1

Wasit -5.3

Muthanna 2.7

Dhi Qar -2.8

Maysan 1.4

Basrah 1.7

Arbil Unknown

Sulaymaniyah Unknown

Average Hours of Power all over the Country is about 10 Hours



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

- An Iraqi delegation led by newly elected Vice President of Iraq, `Adil `Abd al-Mahdi, arrived in Washington for World Bank/IMF meetings. Amb. Jones met with the delegation and hosted an interagency meeting of the Joint Economic Commission (JEC). A full JEC meeting will be held June 29 - 30 in Baghdad.

Iraq 2004 Budget Passed to IMF:

- The Iraqi delegation reported to State officials that they had recently passed 2004 budget data to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and received positive initial feedback.

State Owned Banks:

- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has taken action towards moving to a single cash account by abolishing Ministry accounts in the two largest state-owned banks, Rafadain and Rasheed.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

Iraq Currency Exchange:

- At the New Iraqi Dinar (NID) auction on April 18, the settlement price was 1,460 dinars per USD with a total of 20 banks trading. The following table shows the purchase value of the top five banks:

Bank Name	Qty Sold (in thousands of USD)	Percentage of Total Auction
Al-Rasheed Bank	\$8,294	20.67%
Investment Bank	\$5,490	13.68%
Middle East Bank	\$3,505	8.73%
Dar El-Slaam Bank	\$3,100	7.73%
United Bank	\$3,000	7.48%
Total	\$23,389	58.28%

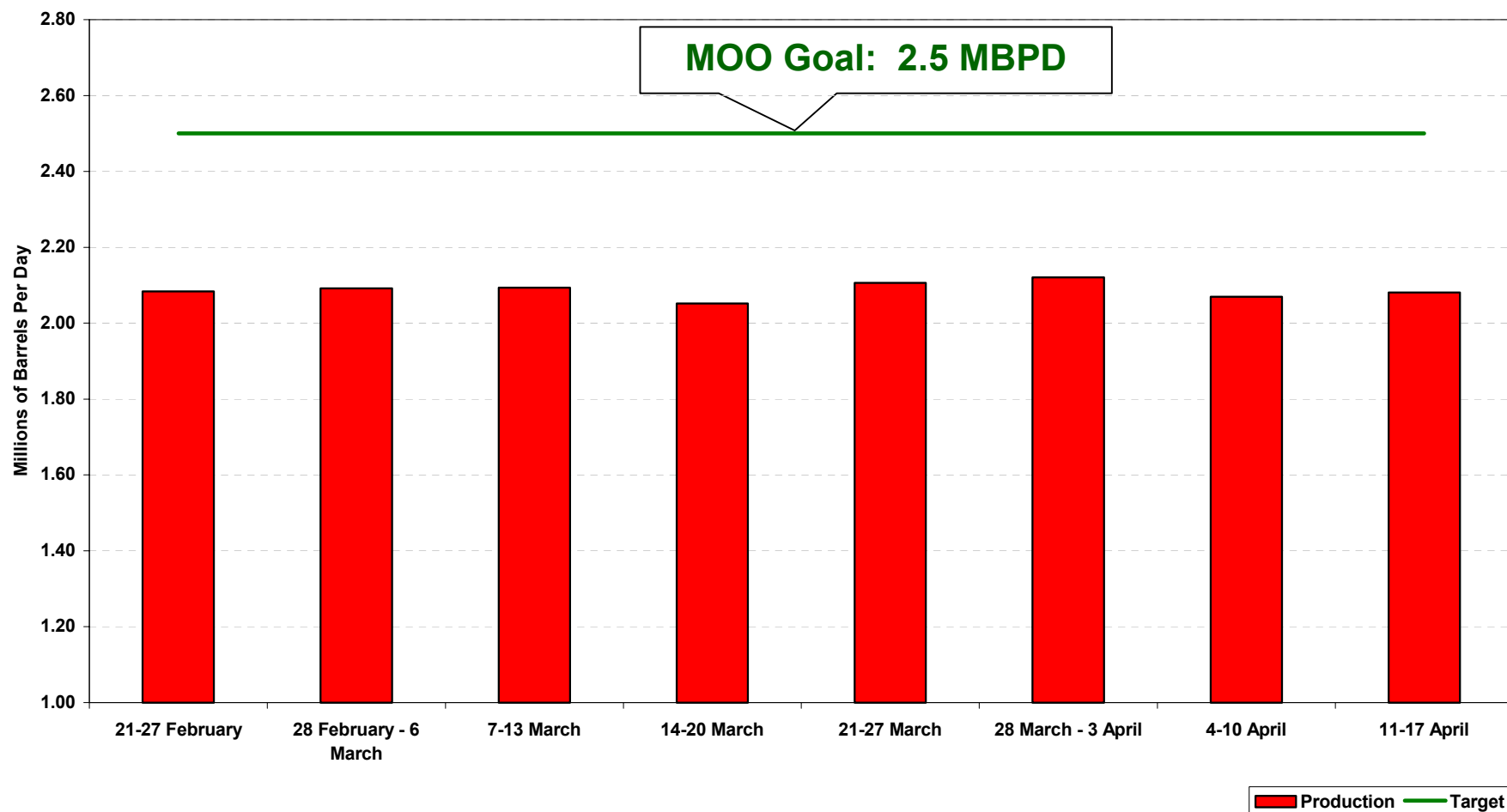
Iraqi Securities Exchange:

- The Ministry of Finance auctioned ID 150 billion (about \$102.7 million) in T-Bills on April 18; the settlement yield was 3.0 percent with six banks offering winning bids. The following shows the results of the previous six auctions:

No. of Auction	Date of Auction	Amount of issue	Term of Security (in days)	Maturity Date	Number Competitive Bidders	Winning Bidders	Total Valid Competitive Bids	Total Competitive Awarded	Cover Ratio %	Bid Range Yields	Cut Off Yield
15	2/6/2005	100.040	91	5/9/2005	11	7	137.400	96.940	141.74	3.00%-7.00%	5.00%
16	2/20/2005	150.020	91	5/23/2005	10	4	253.000	145.520	173.86	3.00 %- 7.00%	3.00%
17	3/6/2005	200.040	91	6/6/2005	8	6	399.500	197.040	202.75	2.00%- 6.90%	3.00%
18	3/20/2005	200.040	91	6/20/2005	8	6	424.000	197.040	215.18	2.00% - 6.50%	3.00%
19	4/3/2005	200.020	91	7/4/2005	6	5	396.000	197.020	200.99	3.00% - 6.50%	3.00%
20	4/17/2005	150.040	91	7/18/2005	8	6	300.250	147.540	203.50	3.00% - 7.00%	3.00%



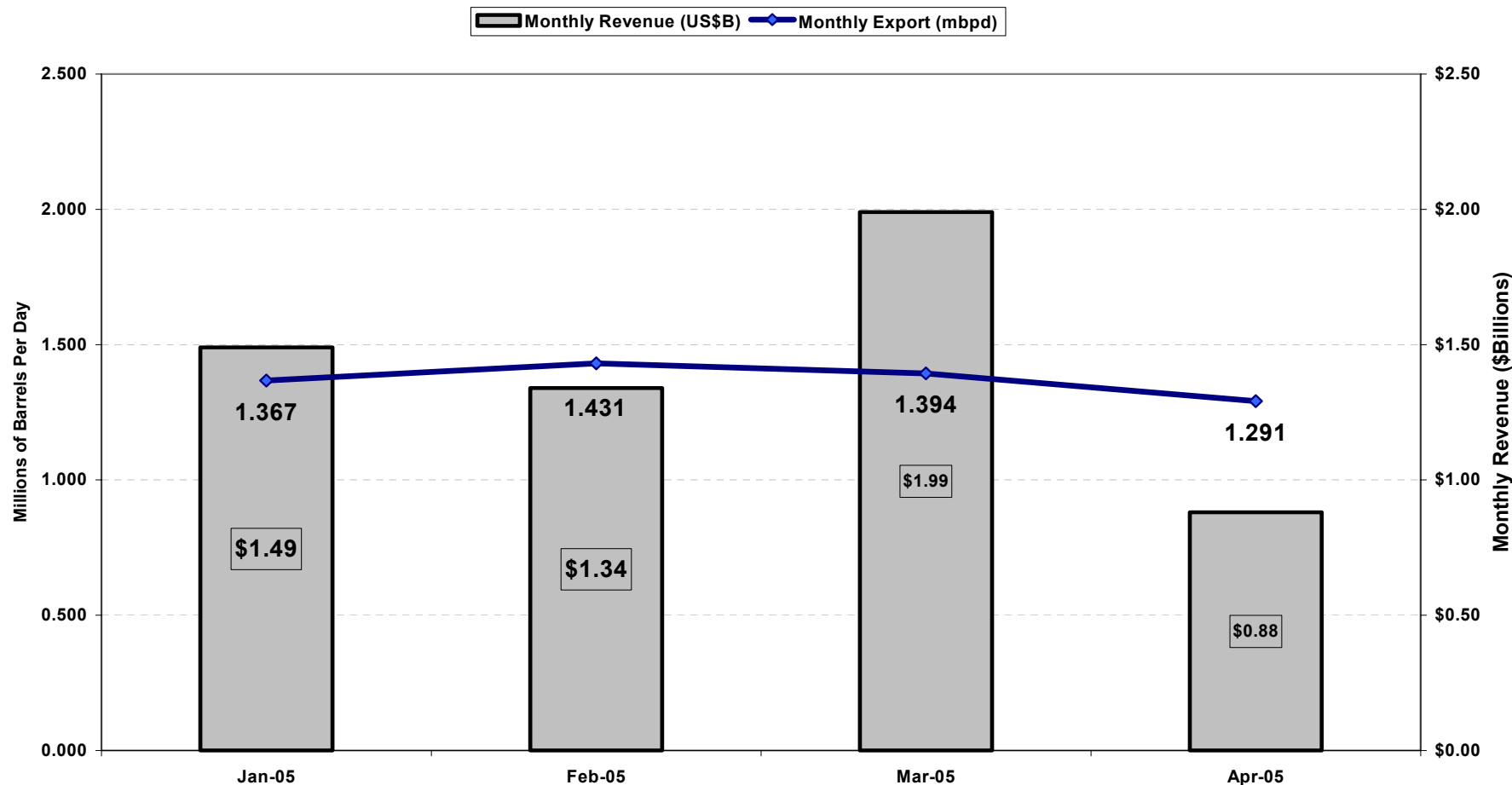
[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (April 11 - 17) of 2.08 MBPD
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in March 2003
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD



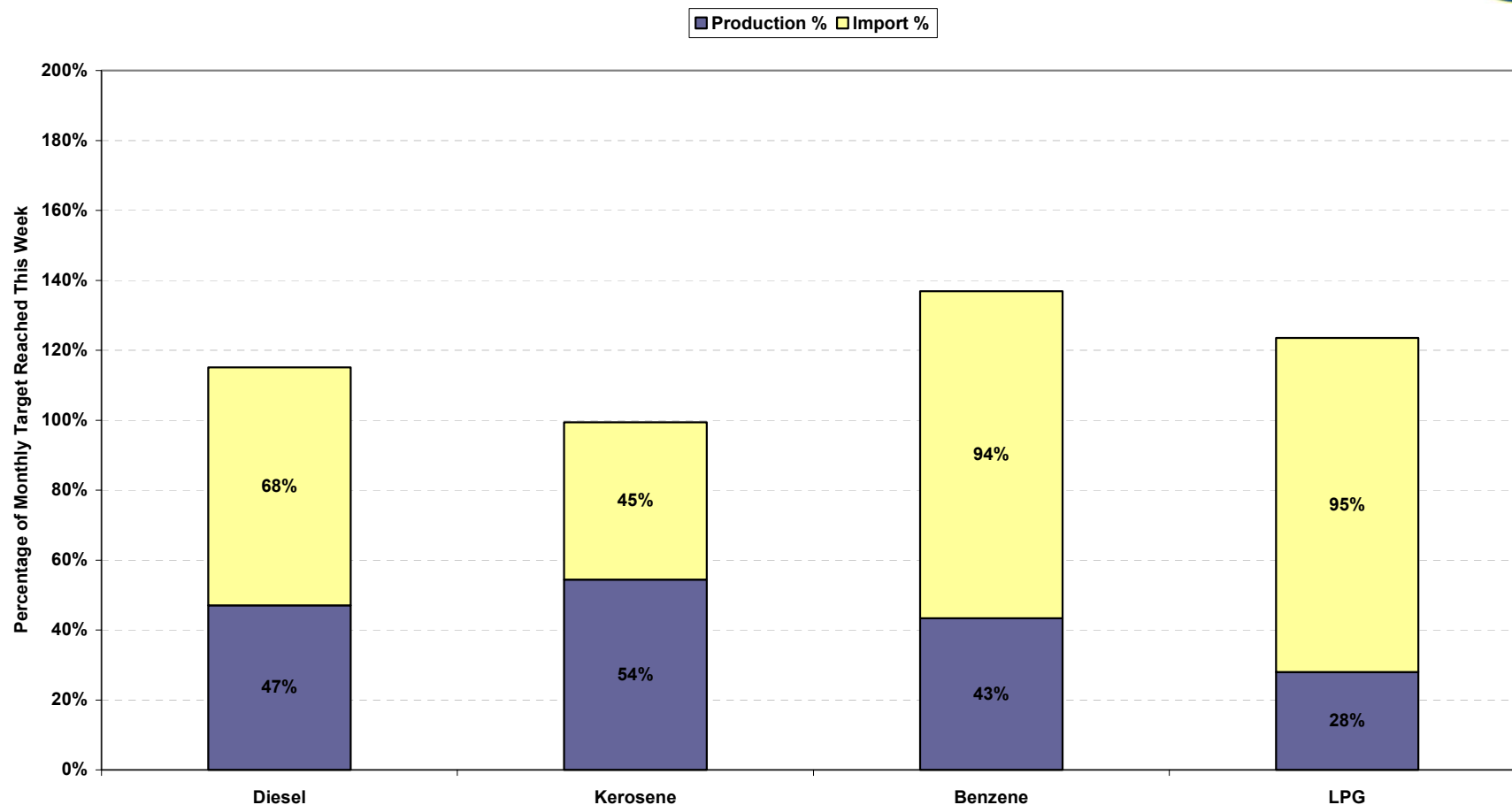
[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 M
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- 2005 Revenue: \$5,669 M (cumulative for 2005)



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Refined Products

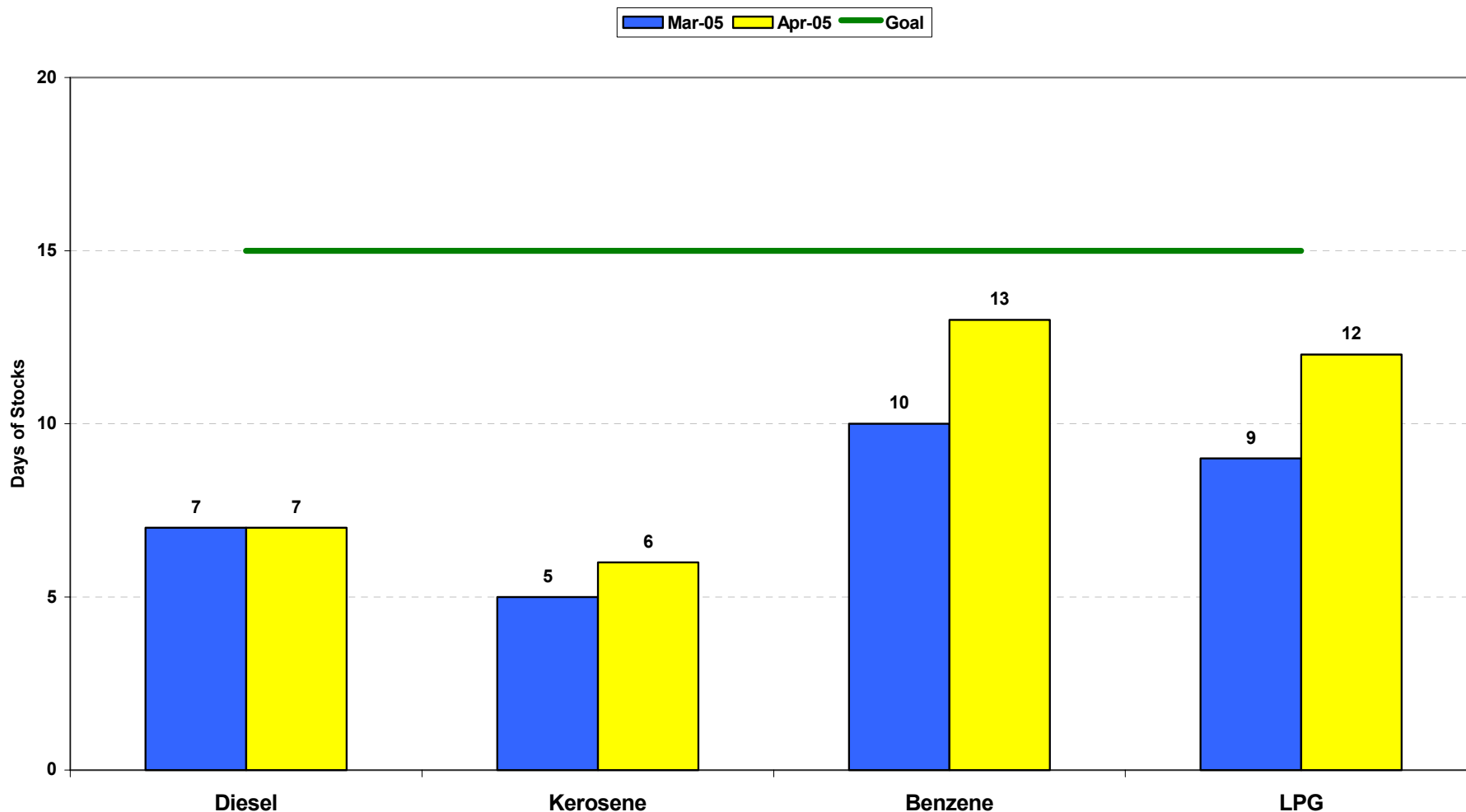


Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of April 11 – 17

- Diesel: 20.7 ML of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 6.8 ML of 6.8 ML
- Benzene: 24.6 ML of 18 ML
- LPG: 5,310 tons of 4,300 tons



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is for all refined products to be over 15 days worth of stocks at maximum consumption rates and does not represent seasonal change. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – IRRF I & II Financials

Financial Status-IRRF I & II			Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Security and Law Enforcement	5,045	5,045	4,705	4,721	3,929	3,990	1,824	1,891
Electricity Sector	4,369	4,078	3,949	3,944	2,936	2,941	961	996
Oil Infrastructure	1,701	1,701	1,570	1,570	1,008	1,009	228	234
Justice, Public Safety, and Civil Society	1,120	1,120	983	997	768	787	216	220
Democracy	832	832	755	756	669	670	331	340
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	379	379	283	283	270	271	77	79
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	359	355	341	341	191	191	66	67
Health Care	786	786	764	764	536	484	58	65
Transportation and Communications	513	512	473	474	320	320	63	65
Water Resources and Sanitation	2,279	1,770	1,753	1,755	1,067	1,068	101	105
Private Sector Development	843	835	778	779	763	765	442	447
Admin Expense	213	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
IRRF II SUBTOTAL	18,439	17,442	16,383	16,414	12,486	12,525	4,396	4,538
IRRF II CONSTRUCTION	11,306	10,378	10,123	10,110	7,199	7,154	2,028	2,087
IRRF II NON-CONSTRUCTION	6,301	6,232	5,505	5,548	4,618	4,701	2,037	2,111
IRRF II DEMOCRACY	832	832	755	756	669	670	331	340
IRRF I SUBTOTAL	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,150	2,150
GRAND TOTAL IRRF I & II	20,914	19,917	18,858	18,889	14,961	15,000	6,546	6,688



[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law – Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights

Mass Grave Discovered in Nasiriyah:

- A mass grave dating from the ousted regime of Saddam Hussein was discovered on April 13, in the Shiite city of Nasiriyah. The US will provide assistance with forensic exhumation. About 290 mass graves have been uncovered since Saddam's downfall in April 2003. They contain the bodies of 300,000 people believed to have been killed under his regime.

Building Government Capacity:

- The Economic Governance II (EG II) team is working closely with Iraq's General Commission for Taxes (GCT) to strengthen its ability to collect and regulate taxes. Advisors delivered drafts of policy papers that recommend and detail a new organizational structure for the GCT, taking into account the impact of a new automated tax administration system that is also being supported by EG II.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Travels to Border:

- UNHCR staff have traveled to Ruweished camp on the Iraq-Jordan border to hold talks with the refugees who have been stranded there for almost two years after fleeing Iraq in the aftermath of the war. UNHCR, unable to access the group from within Iraq, has brought supplies to the camp from the Jordanian side on three occasions. Most recently on April 12, with its partner the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organisation, UNHCR delivered 48 parcels containing a number of different food items, as well as products for personal hygiene.



[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law – Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights

Promoting a Civil Society:

- In northern Iraq, 170 participants from three governorates attended 11 training workshops to increase civil society organization (CSO) participation in reconstruction efforts and the drafting of the national constitution. The workshops were facilitated by ICSP staff with support from a local cultural center. Additionally, in south central Iraq, approximately 600 people, half of whom were women, attended 19 training workshops on CSO organization sponsored by the ICSP south central office. Topics focused on CSO internal management, organizational development and gender issues.
- The Department of Justice Regime translation team in Doha completed fifty summary translations in the last two weeks of documents containing references to Saddam Hussein's war crimes. The documents and translations will be made public by the Iraqi Special Tribunal.

Constitutional Development:

- USAID's partner providing support to the constitutional development process is conducting a micro-grant program that will support NGO activities contributing to a wider public awareness of the constitutional process and the referendum. The partner is finalizing the review and selection process of all micro-grant proposals submitted by NGOs principally based in Southern and Southern-Central Iraq. Out of the 57 proposals submitted, over 20 grants will be awarded. The National Democratic Institute (NDI) is finalizing information package on constitutions; this material will be translated into Arabic and handed out to local civil society partners throughout Iraq as a reference manual for constitutional-drafting procedures.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – **Developments**

International Support:

- In late April, 450 additional Australian military personnel will deploy to Iraq. This will bring Australian personnel working in or around Iraq to around 1370. This new Australian task force will help provide security for Japanese reconstruction efforts in Al Muthanna Province in Southern Iraq.
- Bosnia will send a multi-ethnic platoon to Iraq in June to help destroy tons of unexploded ordnance scattered around the country, Defense Minister Nikola Radovanovic said on April 15th, 2005. More than 50 Muslim, Serb and Croat soldiers and officers -- of which 36 would be selected for the first of two 6-month tours -- have almost completed training, conducted in part by U.S. military experts.
- Jerzy Szmajdzinski, the Polish defense minister, said Poland wishes to continue its operations in Iraq, but in a much different form -- mostly in civilian training and economic activity. Some Polish forces may remain in Iraq for military training purposes as part of the NATO contingent.
- The Slovakian Defense Ministry has raised the possibility of withdrawing Slovak troops from Iraq if the UN Security Council fails to agree on a new resolution extending MNF-I's mandate. Slovak peacekeepers in Iraq operate under Polish command and are concerned about the safety of their troops once Poland leaves. Slovakia has a 104-strong contingent of military engineers and a guard unit stationed in Iraq since 2003.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – **Stability Contributors**

27 MNF-I Contributors (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Latvia	Poland
Armenia	Estonia	Lithuania	Romania
Australia	Georgia	Macedonia	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Italy	Moldova	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Japan	Mongolia	Ukraine
Czech Rep	Kazakhstan	Netherlands	UK
Denmark	Korea	Norway	

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

TOTAL ~ 22,000 Forces

28 Countries and NATO
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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